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Smokejumper Obituary

McFadden, Thomas Edward (Pendleton 1945)

Thomas died June 27, 2020. He graduated valedictorian of his high school class and attended Alabama A&M University. Before completing his degree, he was drafted into the US Army. After basic training he volunteered to become a paratrooper and became a member of the first black parachute company, the 555th Parachute Infantry Company located at Camp McCall, North Carolina. Thomas attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and graduated as a commissioned US Army 2nd Lieutenant.

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